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SUBJECT: SINGAPORE-U.S. SIGN SECURE FREIGHT INITIATIVE DECLARATION

The Ambassador and Ministry of Transport Permanent Secretary CHOI Shing Kwok on December 17 signed a Declaration of Principles for Singapore's participation in the Secure Freight Initiative (SFI). The Declaration commits Singapore to a six-month trial project, after which the USG and GOS will conduct a joint assessment to evaluate its progress. The SFI pilot is expected to be operational by June 2008, with initial data collected from the project submitted to Congress in October. (In accordance with the SAFE Ports Act, DHS is required to report its SFI-related findings to Congress every six months, beginning in April 2008.) Also attending the signing ceremony were DHS, DOE, and post representatives.